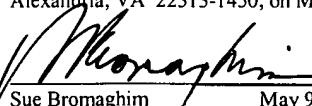




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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a two (2) month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated December 8, 2004, such extension allowing the undersigned until **May 8, 2005 (Sunday) or May 9, 2005 (Monday)**, to respond. This request is made to timely file a continuation application.

A check is enclosed for the amount of \$450 for the extension fee.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct from or credit to Deposit Account No. 50-2664 any deficiencies in the attached fees. This request is provided in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,


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